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- 1. SUMMARY: THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MET UNDER THE HEADING OF POLITICAL COOPERATION IN DUBLIN ON MAY 26. THEY DISCUSSED CSCE, AND AGREED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS ONLY IF RAPID AND SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WERE MADE ON THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS STILL OUTSTANDING. THE MINISTERS ALSO HEARD A REPORT FROM IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE. FINALLY, THE MINISTERS DISCUSSED FURTHER EFFORTS REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF COMMON EC NINE POSITIONS AT THE UN. COUNCIL TOPICS REPORTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.
- 2. CSCE: THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NINE REAFFIRMED THEIR READINESS TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOTED THAT SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS REMAIN TO BE SETTLED. THESE QUESTIONS INCLUDE CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES, OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN BOTH BASKETS TWO AND THREE, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES TO THE CONFERENCE. THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT UNTIL THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED IT CANNOT BE SAID THAT A "BALANCED AND SATISFACTORY RESULT" HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. THE MINISTERS FURTHER NOTED IT WOULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS IF THE SOVIETS WERE WILLING TO MAKE PROMPT CONCESSIONS ON THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES.
- 3. EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE: IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD OVER LUNCH BRIEFED HIS COLLEAGUES ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST, AND ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE WITH REGARD TO THE RECENTLY SIGNED EC/ISRAEL AGREEMENT. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE MEETING, FITZGERALD TOLD REPORTRS HE THOUGHT THAT, DURING HIS VISIT TO CAIRO, HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO SATISFY THE CONCERNS OF THE ARABS WITH REGARD TO THE EC/ISRAEL AGREEMENT AND IN PARTICULAR ON ITS APPLICABILITY IN THE OCCUPED TERRITORIES. FITZGERALD TOLD THE PRESS HE "HOPED AND WAS CONFIDENT" THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EC AND THE ARAB LEAGUE WOULD TAKE PLACE IN CAIRO AS PLANNED ON JUNE 10.
- 4. EC MEMBER STATE COORDINATION IN THE UN: THE MEMBERS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THEIR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ADOPT COORDINATED POSITIONS IN THE UN AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. ALL DELEGATES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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